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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BUYING MISSION TO U.S.

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1. DURING PAST TWO YEARS CONSULATE HAS PURSUED IDEA OF SAUDI BUYING AND/OR INVESTMENT MISSION TO U.S. WE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (REFAIR D), DISCCUSED SUBJECT WITH CAGNE REP, AND DURING VISIT OF ALABAMA TM IN MAY 1977, SUBJECT WAS BROACHED WITH PROVINCIAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD (REFTEL C).

2. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE WITH PARA 3 REFTTEL B (E.G., SAUDI BUSINESSMEN DO NOT ORDINARILY LIKE TO TRAVEL IN GROUPS), WE BELIEVE THAT IDEA HAS SUFFICIENT MERIT SO THAT WE SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT ONCE AGAIN.

3. INITIAL RESPONSE FROM PROVINCIAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS FAVORABLE LAST YEAR, BUT PLAN GOT BOGGED DOWN WHEN POSSIBLE LEADERS OF SUCH REVERSE SAUDI BUYING/INVESTMENT MISSION BECAME INVOLVED IN MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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4. OUR ORIGIANL PROPOSAL (REFAIR D) WAS TO HAVE ONE OR MORE STATE DEVELOPMENT GROUPS, EXPORT COUNCILS OR WHATEVER STATE TRADE PROMOTION ORGANIZATION EXISTS TO INVITE AND TO PROGRAM SAUDI BUSINESS GROUP. WE WERE THINKING OF ALABAMA, INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA OR OTHER STATES WHICH HAS RECENTLY SENT TM'S TO SAUDI ARABIA OR PLANNED TO DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE. WHEN WE DISCUSSED IDEA WITH ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI REPS, THEY TOO WERE

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROJECT.

5. ALTHOUGH OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH INVESTMENT BY SAUDIS IN U.S. THAN WITH BUYING MISSION, THE TWO OBJECTIVES COULD BE COMBINED. SOME STATES MIGHT BE MORE INTERESTED IN ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHILE OTHERS COULD CONCENTRATE ON THEIR EXPORT INDUSTRIES.

6. WE WILL AGAIN DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL CHAMBER OR COMMERCE WHO EXHIBITED INTEREST LAST YEAR.
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